

BEST AVAILABLE COPYREMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. Introduction**

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005. The Examiner indicated that claims 8-12, 21-25 and 35-36 are allowed in their present form. Claims 1, 6, 13-14, 20 and 26-28 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 5, 7, 15 and 29 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 2-5, 7-12, 15-19, 21-25 and 29-36 are now pending.

II Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 2-4, 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 2, 5 and 7 have been amended to correct the errors cited by the Examiner. Specifically, regarding claim 2, the reference to itself has been deleted. Regarding claim 5, the reference to itself has been replaced with a reference to claim 4. Regarding claim 7, the recitation including the Examiner cited problematic reference "said received" has been deleted.

According, the Examiner cited 35 U.S.C. §112 deficiencies have been corrected, and the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these grounds for rejection.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**III Objections**

The Examiner objected to claims 2-5, 15-19 and 29-34 are being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that the claims 2-5, 15-19 and 29-34 include allowable subject matter and suggested that they be rewritten in independent form. Accordingly claim 2 (as amended) has been rewritten in independent format and should now be allowable. Claims 3-5, depend either directly or indirectly upon claim 2. Since, claim 2 (amended) is now in allowable format, claims 3-5 by virtue of their dependency upon claim 2 (amended) should also now be allowable. In addition, claim 7 (as amended) now depends upon claim 2 (amended), and by virtue of its dependency upon allowable base claim, claim 7 (amended) should now also be allowable.

Claim 15 (as amended) has also been rewritten in independent format and should now also be allowable. Claims 16-19, depend either directly or indirectly upon claim 15. Since, claim 15 (amended) is now in allowable format, claims 16-19 by virtue of their dependency upon claim 15 (amended) should also now be allowable.

Claim 29 (as amended) has also been rewritten in independent format and should now also be allowable. Claims 30-34, depend either directly or indirectly upon claim 29. Since, claim 29 (amended) is now in allowable format, claims 30-34 by virtue of their dependency upon claim 29 (amended) should also now be allowable.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6, 13-14, 20 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kleider et al. (US 6,487,252), hereinafter "the Kleider patent". Since claims 1, 6, 13-14, 20 and 26-28 have been cancelled, the rejection is moot.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable and that the Application is in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any outstanding issues which need to be resolved before the Examiner can allow the present application, it is requested that the Examiner call Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss and hopefully resolve said issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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